

White House and the President told him of his intended course.

Tumulty sent the message to the Public Printer at 9:45, and at 10 o'clock the request for a joint session was sent to Senator Kern and Congressman Kitchen.

In taking his action today the President fulfilled the promise he made to Congress on February 3, when he announced severance of diplomatic relations with Germany.

Hoped to Avoid Trouble.

At that time, after saying he believed that Germany would not disregard the "ancient friendship" between her people and those of this country by prosecuting the "ruthless naval program they have announced," the President declared "only actual overt acts on their part can make me believe it even now."

He then promised "if this inevitable confidence on my part in the sobriety and prudent foresight of their purpose should, unhappily, prove unfounded; if American ships and American lives should, in fact, be sacrificed by their naval commanders in heedless contravention of the just and reasonable understanding of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity, I shall take the liberty of coming again before the Congress to ask that authority be given me to use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas."

President Wilson left the White House at 12:50 p. m. to go to the Capitol. With him were Mrs. Wilson, Secretary Tumulty and Col. W. W. Harris, his military aide.

Mrs. Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's mother, and other White House guests left in another car for the Capitol.

Crowds Gather Early.

Despite the fact that the general public had little advance knowledge that the President intended to come before Congress today, the crowds began to assemble about the House wing of the Capitol before noon. Somehow the news spread that Mr. Wilson would make another appearance before Congress and take the "next step" in the German controversy.

Members of the House themselves did not hear of the President's intentions until this morning. There immediately began the usual ticket scramble, admission to the galleries again being by ticket only.

Joseph J. Sinnott, doorkeeper of the House and ticket distributor, was the most worried man about the House. Members besieged Mr. Sinnott and one another for extra tickets, the allowance of "one to a member" apparently being totally inadequate for the average legislator.

Prevents Special Favors.

The limited seating capacity of the galleries, however, prevented special favors and the best a member with a large family could do was to hope for a ticket from some bachelor colleague who hadn't a constituent in town.

The lower floors of the House and became congested shortly after noon. Groups of curious persons, denied admission to the floors above, stood about the entrance of the building and awaited the arrival of President Wilson. The police precautions were unusually strict and a large number of Capitol policemen and plain clothes men patrolled the corridors and stood about the entrances to hold the onlookers in check.

Congressman Kitchen, the majority leader, presented the resolution for the joint session as soon as the House convened today. The legislators did not know on Saturday that Mr. Wilson intended to come to the Capitol today, and the joint resolution was prepared and adopted on

THE WEATHER REPORT.

For the District of Columbia—Probably rain tonight, followed by clearing and colder Tuesday; fresh southwest to northwest winds.

For Maryland and Virginia—Probably rain tonight, followed by clearing Tuesday; colder in west portion tonight; much colder Tuesday; fresh to strong southwest to northwest winds.

Temperatures.

8 a. m.	40
9 a. m.	45
10 a. m.	49
11 a. m.	50
12 noon	53
1 p. m.	55

Tide Table.

High tides, 10:08 a. m., height 2.9
10:31 p. m., height 2.7
Low tides, 4:14 a. m., height 0.8
4:44 p. m., height 0.8

Sun and Moon Table.

Sun rose	6:45 a. m.
Sun sets	5:58 p. m.
Moon rose	8:00 a. m.
Moon sets	9:50 p. m.

Light automobile lamps 6:28 p. m.

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GERARD ASKS CONVOY

State Department Admits He Has Requested Protection.

Ambassador Gerard has asked the State Department that the ship bringing him to America be convoyed by an American warship, in case of war between the United States and Germany, it was officially admitted today.

Nothing is being done, however, at present, by way of special protection for his vessel in the absence of war, it was added.

ATTENTION ON CONGRESS

Course of Body To Be Watched With Interest.

With the address of the President to Congress on the German crisis today, profound interest now centers in the question of what Congress will do.

Will it adopt a resolution conferring sweeping authority on the President, or will it refuse to do so? Will an extra session be forced, regardless of whether the President is given additional authority?

These and other questions are subjects of great concern, in view of the grave nature of the foreign controversy and the possibility of war. Though a truce in the Senate filibuster was reached Saturday night, when an agreement was made to vote on the revenue bill Wednesday evening, delaying tactics may be resorted to at any time.

In fact, when the naval bill was taken up in the Senate today, Senator La Follette gave indications of a filibuster by insisting on the reading of the bill. It was apparent Senator La Follette did not want business rushed until he found out what the President wanted in the way of additional authority.

On the other hand, Democratic leaders, evidently stirred by the announcement the President was to address Congress, sought to hurry business as soon as the Senate met, at 11 o'clock.

Not only was the naval bill taken up, but the Military Committee met to take action on the army bill.

The war risk bill, trebling the strength of the bureau, was passed. The conference report on the Porto Rico bill, hitherto deemed in danger of defeat, was adopted.

As the situation stands, the Republicans have it in their power to force an extra session by killing time on appropriation bills.

SPLendid RESULTS.

Two English officers in billets were longing for a drink, but dared not indulge, as their landlady was a staunch teetotaler and would probably read them a lengthy lecture.

"I know the trick!" exclaimed one, in glee. "Let's ask her for a drop of whiskey to clean our pipes with."

The good woman was truly sympathetic when informed regretfully by the wily twain that their pipes were too foul to smoke, and promptly supplied them with the desired "cleaning fluid."

Later she asked with a kindly smile: "And was the whiskey successful?"

"It was," replied one of the conspirators. "It was awfully kind of you."

"Not at all," replied the landlady. "I was glad to make use of it. I only bought it the day before yesterday to wash Fido in, and the results were wonderful."—Oakland Inquirer.

SHIFTING THE BLAME.

Ever—in the course of a quarrel—You don't know beans.

Adam—Well, I didn't name the vegetables.—Life.

MOVIES A LURE TO NAVY ENLISTING

Films at Capital Theaters Will Entice Available Men.

A campaign to induce Washington movie fans to join the navy will be launched by the Navy Department this week.

Films will be shown at eight motion picture theaters urging the need of navy recruits, and giving the address of the navy recruiting station at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Later the films will show scenes at the naval stations at Newport and elsewhere, and others taken aboard the ships of the navy.

Washington theater managers are co-operating in the navy recruiting campaign by offering free use of their theaters to display naval advertising and pictures.

General Activity.

The first week of recruiting in the Washington office brought an average of ten to fifteen applicants for enlistment a day. The total number of recruits for the first week will not be given out until a report is made to the Navy Department this week. In the country at large recruiting since the first of the year has been the heaviest on record.

On January 1 the total enlisted strength of the navy was 55,504. On February 4 the enlisted strength had jumped to 57,042, a net gain of 1,538, and on February 24, the last day for which figures are available, the enlisted strength was 58,636, a gain of 1,594 in twenty-four days, or of 3,132 since the first of the year.

The present authorized strength of the navy is 68,700, so that with only 10,000 to gain there is ground for the hope that there soon will be enough sailors to give every vessel in service a full complement.

A comparison with recruiting figures for this year and last year shows how well the campaign for navy recruits is progressing. The recruits enlisted in January, 1916, numbered 1,558. Last month the total was 2,577, a gain of more than 1,000. The total enlistment for the first twenty-four days of February last year was 1,229. For the first twenty-four days of this month it was 2,583, more than double.

Wide Campaign Planned.

Total enlistment for the week ending February 17 was 778, the largest week's total in the navy's history. Last Friday's total of 277 was the highest day's enlistment.

The Navy Department now has 218 recruiting stations, against 145 three months ago, and there are forty traveling parties, where formerly there were but one or two. A traveling party eventually will be put in each State as the present campaign progresses.

COULD HE ARREST A COLD?

A man was appointed detective for a railroad company, and showed his authority at every opportunity. While riding in a coach one day, he heard a little boy behind him sniffing.

The detective turned to him and said: "Have you a pocket handkerchief, my little man?"

The boy replied: "Yes, sir, but mama said I shouldn't loan it to everybody."—Christian Herald.

ROPES ARGUMENT FOR ALDERMEN

Illinois Citizens Plan Stern Warning to City Fathers.

CICERO, Ill., Feb. 26.—With brickbats and hemp ropes, one for each member of the city council to back up their protest, a hundred citizens of Cicero threaten to attend the meeting of the municipal fathers tonight to voice their disapproval of a contemplated sale of the municipal light plant to the public service company of Northern Illinois.

Several weeks ago the citizens' committee met at the Hawthorne auditorium to devise ways and means of bringing the recalcitrant council to their way of thinking. An invitation to the members was accepted by but one alderman, Joseph Laska.

Miss Margaret Haley, president of the Chicago Teachers' Federation, spoke at the gathering and recommended the rope as a convincing and persuasive argument.

"A few years ago there was a fight in Toledo, Ohio, similar to this one," she said. "The citizens met in a body and went to the council chamber balcony. They dangled ropes in the faces of the council members and the traction company was not sold as planned."

"You citizens take ropes and do the same thing. Let them know that you are in earnest."

Frank E. Kilmes urged that all voters and property owners attend, armed with a plentiful supply of brickbats.

JUDGE WITHOUT A JOB.

Brown and Black were arguing at their club on the question as to who should be the head of the house—the man or the woman. "I'm the breadwinner," Black said firmly, "and therefore I rule in my house."

"Well," said Brown, "before we were married my wife and I made an agreement that I should make the rulings in all the major things, and she in all the minor ones."

"And how was it worked?" Black inquired. Brown smiled wilyly. "So far," he replied, "no major matters have come up."—Oakland Inquirer.

A Split of White Rock and a dash of lemon quenches the most irritating thirst

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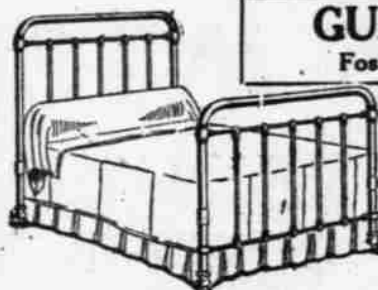
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1½-in. Square-Post Enamel Bed, \$13.50.

Steel Bed, square, Circassian walnut finish, \$16.

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Bed Springs at \$3.29

National Link Bed Spring, made of the very best quality metal frame; all sizes. Sale price, \$3.29.

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Woven-wire Bed Spring, heavy woven edge; high riser; \$6.00.

Woven-wire Bed Spring, heavy woven edge; high riser; \$6.45.

Woven-wire Bed Spring, guaranteed 10 years; high riser; \$9.

Fourth Floor.

Guaranteed Pillows

Emmerich's Bed Pillows

The guarantee is attached to each pillow—but does an "Emmerich" Pillow need a guarantee? And can Emmerich Pillows be bought at such prices other than in this February Sale?

Emmerich's Pillows, new, clean feathers; size, 19x26; weight about 2½ pounds; 95c each.

Emmerich's Pillows, new, clean feathers; size, 21x27; weight about 3 pounds; \$1.50 each.

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Gas or Electric Dome 22-inch diameter, with 8 Art Glass Panels and Filigree Metal Border, portraying a scene on the Egyptian desert; installed for..... \$9.50

Gas or Electric Dome, with 6 Art Glass Panels, with Filigree brushed brass finished border; installed for..... \$5.75

Indirect Lighting Domes for Gas or Electric; Opal Glass Bowl, with Filigree brushed-brass finished casting; complete, including hanging..... \$9.50

MILL END SALE

Lace Curtains Tomorrow

99c Pair

"Factory Seconds" of \$2.00 to \$3.50 a pair Scotch Lace and Cable Net Curtains, with pretty lace borders. Full width and 2½ to 3¾ yards long. Choice of white, cream, and ecru.

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Morning at, per pair 99c

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Unusually beautiful designs and colors at this price—and very superior quality at only 24c yard. On view and for sale tomorrow, a big table full of fresh pieces, ideal for draperies, etc.

Palais Royal—Second Floor—Facing Elevators.

Marquise, 19c Yd.

New Open-weave Marquise in fancy or plain band border.

Finest Quality Voiles in wide fancy band borders. Choice of white, cream or ecru. 36 inches wide. Worth 29c regularly.

Palais Royal—Second Floor—New Building.

Window Shades, 29c

Factory "Seconds" of regular 49c Shades, in sizes 3x6. Choice of Holland and Plain Hand-painted Oil Opaque Shades; exceptional values at the price.

Basement Store—Tomorrow's Program

Spring Suits \$15 Very Special

The 1917 spring styles of suits at \$15.00 deserve inspection. The one pictured shows the newly fashionable coat, box plaited from yoke, finished at base with several rows of cable stitching. The skirt, plain but cleverly tailored, will retain its graceful lines. Other new suits at \$15, of all-wool poplin and serge, in navy, apple green, gold, and black.

Perfect fit assured both misses and women.

THE NEW COATS

Black and white checks in Empire and full three styles at..... \$5.00

Wool Poplin Coats in the new shades of apple greens and golds, at..... \$10.00

Wool Poplin Coats for elderly women, in plain styles; belted and plain collars, at..... \$12.50

Dozens of other styles in all the fashionable materials and colors, priced up to..... \$19.50

THE NEW DRESSES

Tailored Dresses of blue serge in plaid styles, \$10.00. Wool Crepe Dress—\$8.98

A new Taffeta Dress in blue and black in marked..... \$12.75

At \$12.00, several new styles in Crepe de Chine and Taffeta, in all sizes for women and little women.

A new stout or extra size Dress of taffeta is marked..... \$13.90

Palais Royal, Basement Store.

1,650 Yards Twilled Tea Toweling

Just 1,650 yards more of that good weight cotton twill crash, with red border; 16 inches wide. The kind you pay 7 or 7½c yard for. Special Tuesday, yard..... 4¾c

No phone or C. O. D., and limited to 15 yards to a customer. The last lot did not last only until noon and in that lot was 2,000 yards. So shop early in the morning.

Basement Store.

RED SPREADS—Just 93 of these spreads in single, crib, and double bed sizes. Seconds of spreads worth up to \$1.98. Some have just slight defects, others with holes that can be darned, thus not interfering with the wear. Very desirable just now for spring special for Tuesday..... 79c

SKIRTINGS—New Colored stripes and check, light blue stripe on white, green, gold, black, rose, and Copenhagen, as well as the blue, gold, and green inch blocks; an excellent weight and exceptionally desirable just now for spring wear, 36 inches wide. Yard..... 25c

SKIRTS—Ladies' excellent gingham petticoats; an extra value in regular and some extra sizes. 59c

TOWELS—480 Turkish Towels, with blue border, a good 15c quality; 20x36. For Tuesday..... 11c

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